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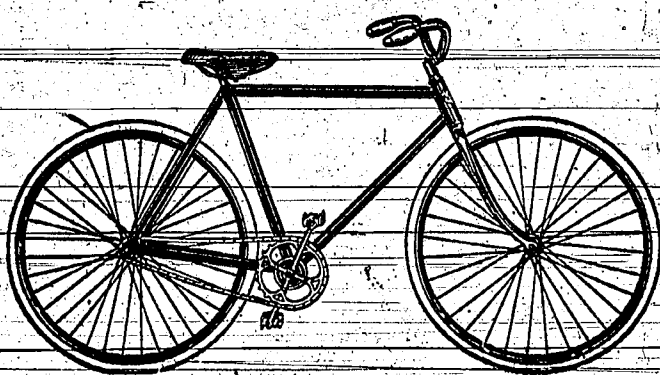
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## GRAYLING WINS

## CHAMPIONSHIP

OTSEGO'S DEFEATED FOUR OUT OF SEVEN GAMES.

## Much Interest Throughout Northern Michigan.

The fame of the Otsego as a fast aggregation of ball players, has reached all over Michigan and their games with Grayling, especially, have attracted state wide attention. They have defeated every team in northern Michigan and revived the national pastime to its highest degree.

Grayling has been specially favored in having an opportunity of seeing the Otsego in action during seven games. It is due to Mr. "Tom" Stephens that we have been favored with some fine exhibitions and lovers of the sport appreciate Mr. Stephens' efforts. What would the season have been without the Grayling-Otsego games? Other teams have been "duke soup" for us and too one-sided to be of any great interest. With the Otsego it has been a fight to the finish in every game.

The games of last Sunday and Monday have been particularly interesting in as much as they were to determine the championship of northern Michigan.

Hawkins started the game last Sunday for the Otsego hitting to the pitcher and was thrown out. McDougal followed suit and Lerchen tied out to Letzkus. No hits; no runs.

Woodburn was first up for Grayling and went out on hit to Lerchen. McDougal and Johnson fanned. No hits and no runs.

2d. Otsego—O'Donnell out on fly to center. Busch out on hit to Dago. Brockman singled on a Texas league. Hayes fanned but the catcher dropped



Fielding His Position, Watching for a Bunt and Holding the Base Runner.

the ball and threw low to first, going through Spencer, letting Brockman score. Gray singled scoring Hayes. Killian out on a hit to Johnson. 2 hits, 2 scores.

Grayling—Mielstrup out on infield hit. Dago singled over 3d. McDougal dropped Letzkus' fly. Gilbert and Hodges struck out. One hit, no runs.

3d. Otsego—Hawkins was thrown out by Hodges. McDougal fouled to Dago and Lerchen fouled to Johnson. No hits and no runs.

Grayling—Spencer reached first on Brockman's error and stole 2nd and went to third on Woodburn's sacrifice. McDougal fanned and Johnson was out on a foul to catcher. No hits; no runs.

4th. Grayling—Letzkus made a sensational running catch of O'Donnell's fly and held the ball after a roll and a tumble catch. Mielstrup dropped Busch's fly. Spencer caught Brockman's error and doubled on Johnson's hit. No runs.

Grayling—Johnson walked and stole 2d. Dago, Letzkus and Gilbert fanned. No hits; no runs.

5th. Otsego—Hodge robbed Hayes of a hit by a fine recovery of his hot ground. Gray doubled between left and center. Killian singled to left and Mielstrup caught Gray at home plate. Hawkins fanned. Two hits, no runs.

Grayling—Hodge singled and was caught stealing. Spencer doubled to right. Woodburn out on fly to center. McDougal out on short hit. One hit, no runs.

6th. Otsego, McDougal singled. Hodges caught Lerchen's hot liner and doubled on McDougal. O'Donnell singled to center. Busch reached 1st on Woodburn's error. Brockman thrown out at first on hit to Hodges. Two hits; no runs.

Grayling—Johnson walked. Mielstrup struck out. Dago flied out to McDougal. Letzkus was hit by pitcher. Gilbert fanned. No hits; no runs.

7th. Otsego—Hayes was out on an infield hit. Gray fanned. Killian reached 1st on an error by Hodges. Hawkins fanned. No hits; no runs.

Grayling—Hodge doubled to left. Spencer fanned. Woodburn singled scoring Hodges. McDougal fanned. Johnson out on short hit. Two hits, one run.

8th. Otsego—Letzkus caught McDougal's fly. Lerchen to first on Dago's error. O'Donnell forced Ler-

chen. Dago robbed Busch of a hit by grabbing off a hot one. No hits, no runs.

Grayling—Mielstrup fanned. Killian caught Dago's hot liner. Jake and Bibbins singled. Hodges struck out. Two hits; no runs.

9th. Otsego—Brockman singled. Hayes fanned. Gray and Brockman safe on fielders' choice. Brockman was caught between 2d and 3d. Killian flied out to Jake. One hit; no runs.

Grayling—Spencer struck out. Woodburn out on fly to center. Green singled and stole 2d but was caught trying to steal 3d. One hit; no runs.

Following is the box score:

Grayling	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Woodburn 3b	4	0	1	0	1	1	
McMann 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Johnson p	3	0	0	1	4	1	
Mielstrup 1f	3	0	0	0	1	1	
Lauridson s	4	0	1	3	5	1	
Letzkus c f	3	0	1	5	0	0	
Gilbert c	3	0	0	5	0	2	
Hodge 2b	4	1	2	3	4	1	
Spencer 1b	4	0	1	1	0	0	
Green rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	
Bibbins c	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Total	34	1	8	27	12	7	

Otsego	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Hawkins rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	
McDougal c f	4	0	1	3	0	1	
Lerchen s	4	0	0	2	3	1	
O'Donnell c	4	0	1	1	0	2	
Busch 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Brockman 1b	1	0	1	2	5	0	
Hayes 1f	4	1	0	0	0	0	
Gray 2b	4	0	2	0	1	1	
Killian p	4	0	1	1	1	0	
Total	30	2	7	27	6	2	

2 base hits—Hodge, Spencer, Gray. Base on balls—off Killian 2.

Struck out by Johnson 4. Killian 15.

Double plays—Grayling two.

Pass balls—Gilbert 1.

Hit by pitcher—Letzkus.

Sacrifice hits—Woodburn 1.

Stolen bases—Mielstrup, Green and Brockman.

Umpire—H. J. Smith.

Time—1:15.

Weather—Clear, 70°.

Referee—J. H. Smith.

Scorekeeper—J. H. Smith.

First base—J. H. Smith.

Second base—J. H. Smith.

Third base—J. H. Smith.

Home plate—J. H. Smith.

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## Ocular Gymnastics Cure For Blindness.

From Chicago World—August 22th. "Ocular gymnastics," absolutely the latest discovery in the study of the eye, is now being advanced as a cure for incurable blindness, the result of paralysis of the optic nerves.

Moreover the sight of some patients whose vision was fast fading and who reputable authorities declare would be totally blind in a year, have been saved by the new treatment, which simply means the application of physical culture to the eye.

Demonstration of this new boon to humanity will be made tomorrow by John C. Eberhart, Dayton, Ohio, before the national convention of American Optical association which has been in session since Monday at the Hotel La Salle. The foundation for the new practice, which means the saving of the sight of hundreds, was given to the world by Dr. Robert T. Tigerstedt of the University of Helsinki, Finland, in his renowned work of recent years on physiology.

## BLOOD REFRESHES MUSCLE

Dr. Tigerstedt discovered that when a muscle in the human system is, put on a tension, or in other words, exercised, the action is accompanied by a rush of blood to the spot in action—a rush of blood as a refreshment to the working muscle. This extra call for more blood is why the heart beat fasters just after exercise. Dr. Tigerstedt so found that this refreshing blood, was food equally for the muscle and for the nerves which control it. In a word he discovered that the enforced activity of any given muscle, is always accompanied by an increased blood supply to that part, and that this blood supply is similarly distributed to and absorbed by both the muscle and its nerve, this he terms the companion activities of certain functions.

## PRISM RESTORES VISION

With this as a basis Mr. Eberhart says that the new cure for blindness has evolved. The patient who is fast becoming blind on account of paralysis of the optic nerves, goes to the eye specialist or to the optometrist, the same as a fat man goes to a physical culture expert to be reduced. The patient is told to gaze at a certain object and then a prism is placed between his eyes and the object.

At first by reason of the fact that the prism blends the line of vision the person thinks he sees two objects instead of one, but steady gaze will reduce the number to one on account of the fact that through long practice or habit the eyes are accustomed to unconsciously focus themselves to assure only one object. The centering of the vision, or the focusing of it, has been caused by the distortion of the line of vision by the prism. The result is that unconsciously the person's eyes pull on one side and relax on the other, so that the one eye peering through the prism is turned either inward or outward to focus the vision or center the gaze.

That is the exercise. As the muscles grow tense, the supply of blood increases and as it is fed to the optic nerve in the center of them the nerve which through its lack of nourishment is dying, or is becoming paralyzed, so with this new blood the nerve instead of continuing to degenerate, regenerates, becomes re-enlivened and as the exercise is continued and the eye muscles pulled farther one way or the other, the optic nerve receives more and more nourishment until it gains its normal condition and the patient's complete vision is restored.

## CURE PROVES SUCCESSFUL

This wonderful cure was tried on Chas. Whitmer, a former prosecuting attorney of Xenia, O., whose fast fading sight had been given up by some of the best specialists in the country. Working on the new theory, the man's eyes were exercised, the paralysis of the optic nerve dispelled by the good blood served to it, and now, according to Mr. Eberhart, the attorney has excellent vision, whereas before the discovery of the new treatment, he had been told that he would be totally blind in six months.

[The above account of this treatment was taken from the Chicago World of recent date and is apparently something new, but we have positive knowledge of the fact that this method has been practiced by C. J. Hathaway of Grayling for nearly a year, and goes to show that he is keeping right up with the best in optical work and in some cases is teaching the profession new ideas. We know of some flattering results obtained by Mr. Hathaway for some of his patients in ocular exercise.—Ed.]

## The Men Who Succeed

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## Otsego Criticized.

The Record of Gladwin gave the Otsego's base ball team quite a severe setting off in their publication last week, saying as follows:

## A DUMMY BUNCH OF BALL PLAYERS.

The Otsego team again appeared on the front grounds Monday. It was not the team that played before, but a team composed of Ed. Killian, Jerry Utley and other men of similar caliber. The first team that came here were gentlemen, the second team were toughs. It is not to be denied, that they played good base ball, but they did not play the kind we play now. Years ago base ball and prize fighting were mixed, but they are not now. These men are men of the old school. They are the kind who consider drinking and fighting a part of a business. It is ludicrous the thoughts of staying in a dry town over night, so they had a special train to take them out that night. The game was nothing to nothing for six innings. Otsego got 2 runs in the seventh and in the ninth. The game was marked by disgraceful wrangling on the part of the visitors.

In the fifth inning First Baseman Hill assaulted Umpire Burt because they did not see things alike. In short the Otsego team used all the raffish inclines possible to stay off a defeat by a high school team. It is ludicrous that a professional team has to use dirty baseball to beat "kids."

The management is sincerely sorry that such a bunch was allowed on the grounds, and wishes to apologize to the public for this incident. They realize that Gladwin is a town of ball and in the future all teams that may be suspected of being like Otsego will not appear on these grounds.

The Otsego's have played seven games in Grayling and in no instance have we found the members of the team objectionable or ungentlemanly. We heard them the first three games

and they were bitterly fought contests, but they took their defeat gracefully. Then they turned in and beat us two games, and it hurt our local pride more than we had intended to admit, but it was fair play and we had to take it. Thus we have seen the Otsego's under defeat and as conquerors and while at sometimes heated arguments arose, it is considered only proper self respect on the part of the field, captain to voice their opinions on decisions or possible irregularities of the umpire or players—this is part of baseball and like matters of business sometimes have to be arbitrated before they can be settled.

Very frequently the discussions reveal certain facts that may have been overlooked by one side or the other, and in this case the umpire.

Grabbing is unnecessary and seldom gets anything. The crooked player is spotted before he gets far, and is always held in contempt, even by his fellow team mates, and can not in these days travel long in their company.

In looking over the personnel of the Otsego's we can not conceive who from among them could have given the people of Gladwin such an undesirable opinion of their team. There is McDougal, Lerchen, O'Donnell, Hill, Busch, Brockman, Hayes, Gray, Killian, Utley and a few others. They all behaved themselves here.

We regret that Brother Foster has so bad an impression of the Otsego's. They know the finer points of base ball oftentimes better than the "Ump" and they are correct in trying to maintain their rights in a fair way.

We have the greatest respect for the Gladwin Record, but believe that the intentions of the Otsego's to be anything else than fair have been misconstrued.

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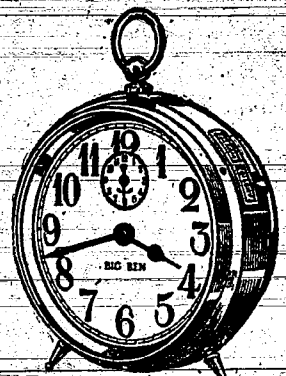
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George Olsen is home from Detroit again.

Mrs. Bingham and children are at home again.

Going to Manistee next Sunday to see Grayling beat the "Records?"

President T. Hanson is erecting a new house opposite Wilhelm Rae's home.

Miss Emma Frederickson spent Sunday and Monday with her parents at Gaylord.

For Sale—Span of horses \$150.00. 8-29-4w. B. SHERMAN.

Strayed—One gray mare from Forest View farm. Anyone seeing it please notify N. Neilson.

The Misses Nellie and Marguerite Hoyt of Gaylord spent Sunday with A. M. Bates and family.

For Sale—Span of Horses, \$150.00, 5 miles east of Frederic. 8-29-4w. B. SHERMAN.

John Pettit left for Big Rapids Tuesday morning, where he will continue his studies at Ferris Institute.

Miss Florence McCormick who has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Sivalls, has returned to her home in Detroit.

Nice broilers running from 40 to 75c each dressed or alive, if ordered on Friday or before 9 a. m. Saturday. Phone 864. BARNEY KROPP.

Mike Brenner is going to take two days off next week on account of the Jewish New Year. He expects to spend both days in making New Year resolutions.

F. G. Walton, prosecuting attorney assisted the 3rd Regimental band at Caro last week. He returned home on the 4:10 Saturday morning left for Bay City on the 12:44 Sunday night.

Lost—Sunday, July 28, a jewel case containing rings and other jewelry on road between Beaver Creek and Grayling. \$300 reward offered. H. R. DIERICH. Roscommon.

It is expected that a large crowd of Grayling people will take in the excursion to Manistee next Sunday and enjoy about seven hours of recreation in that beautiful and hospitable city; also hand the Records another defeat.

The Ladies of Grayling are requested to meet at Moe's hospital Tuesday afternoon to make arrangements for a tag-day and plan for the organization of a hospital aid society. This invitation is extended to all the ladies of Grayling and vicinity.

Our township board has purchased a quantity of new road machinery. We will soon have a stone crusher, engine and roller and four steel dump wagons. It is intended that roads built in this township hereafter are going to be first class and the kind that will last. This machinery will cost the township \$4,280. The first price obtained on the machines was \$4,495 and goes to show that the board has used good judgment in purchasing the machinery. The machinery will be shipped with freight prepaid, thus saving about \$200.00.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last Sunday, Sept. 1st, at two o'clock at the farm home of L. B. Merritt when his youngest daughter, Etta Florence was united in Holy matrimony to Bernard Eugene Ober of Saginaw by Rev. Etheridge of Roscommon. The bridegroom's mother was present and also a number of the bride's friends. The bride received a number of beautiful presents which she appreciated very much. Everything was quite and peaceful until one o'clock Monday morning when the family was awakened from their peaceful slumber by a band of jolly boys and girls with saws, guns, horsehides and everything for music. They marched through the house and received the treat that they were looking for. The happy couple left on Monday for their home at 595 Owen st., Saginaw, where they will be at home to their friends after Sept. 15.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Peterson, Wednesday evening, Sept. 4th, when their daughter, Miss Clara, and Mr. Earl W. Dawson, a prominent and well known young man of this city, were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Fleming. Mendelssohn's wedding march being rendered by the brides, cousin, Miss Clara Peterson. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Louise Peterson while Mr. Earl Woodburn officiated as best man. The bride wore a beautiful gown of chiffon over pale green Messaline and an exquisite veil fastened about the head with orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of brides roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Louise Peterson wore a beautiful gown of crepe de chene. After the ceremony a three course supper was served by the Misses Frida Olsen, May Hodge, Iole Mellin and Lillie Fisher. The color scheme throughout the whole was pale green and white and the floral decorations were Astors and Amalas. Above the bride's table was a large wedding bell, while festoons of pale green and white ribbons hung from it to the corners of the table. The bride's cake was placed directly under the bell and was embellished with a beautiful ornament. She received many presents of silverware and cut glass. None but immediate friends and relatives were present. They left the same night on a wedding tour to Detroit, Niagara Falls and Canada and will return by way of Jackson.

Remember a good square meal, tonight at the Opera house for 25 cents.

See the display window of Danish bake goods at the Model bakery. 8-22tf

Sam Collins left for Detroit Tuesday where he will attend the Detroit Business college.

See the sample display of Ladies' and Misses new Fall Dresses on display at Grayling Mercantile Co.

Some of the members of the Danish Young Peoples society from here are attending the convention at Detroit. The convention started Saturday at 8 p. m. at the Danish Lutheran church to plan the meetings. Sunday morning services were held at the Lutheran church by Pastor Anderson of Chicago, after which dinner was served in the basement of the church. In the afternoon they were taken out sight-seeing in automobiles. Sunday evening and afternoon a business meeting was held, a new committee was appointed and officers elected. Jens Sorenson of here was elected treasurer of the United society, Waldemar Bobber of Chicago, president, Peter Ostergaard, of Detroit, vice-president and Kristine Nelson, representative of the paper, Unga. In the evening Pastor Adamson lectured. The next convention will be held in 1913 at Chicago.

**SCHOOLS OPENED TUESDAY MORNING.**

**Strong Corps of Teachers and Prospects for a Good Year.**

The schools of our city opened their doors to the pupils last Tuesday morning and had a good sized enrollment the first day.

Superintendent Ellsworth seems to be growing strong into the confidence of those who have met him, and no doubt we are going to have a fine school year.

Including the superintendent the teaching force consists of 13 people.

Grayling High school is on the accredited list of the University of Michigan, thus allowing its graduates to enter that college without examination. With such an opportunity and with a fine corps of teachers, Grayling schools should appeal to the boys and girls of this city and the county most successfully.

Here is a list of our teachers for this year, their home addresses and the names of the college where they received their training:

A. A. Ellsworth, Superintendent, Lake View, Ypsilanti normal and U. of M.

Miss Grace Jacobs, Preceptress, of Orono, graduate of Ypsilanti Normal.

Miss Jean Dykes, assistant, Alma, Alma College.

Miss Nellie Magnanti, 6th grade, drawing and penmanship, Ferris Institute and Iowa state normal.

Miss Arvella Jones, Gaylord, 8th grade, Hillsdale College.

Miss Brigetta Murray, 7th grade, Mt. Pleasant normal.

Miss Gertrude Ross, 6th grade, Vassar, Mt. Pleasant normal.

Miss Dorothy Judge, 5th grade, Alma, Mt. Pleasant normal.

Miss Alveretta Irving, 4th grade, Croswell.

Miss Emma Mochmann, 3d grade, Montego, Ypsilanti normal.

Miss Neva Bennett, 2nd grade, St. Charles, Mt. Pleasant normal.

Miss Amelia Antons, 1st grade, Royal Oak, Ypsilanti normal.

Miss Clella Clark, 10th grade, 1st grade, assistant, Mt. Pleasant normal.

On the first day there were 432 enrolled, the first grade having the largest number. The other grades ranged as follows:

2nd grade, 40; 3d grade, 42; 4th grade, 36; 5th grade 47; 6th grade, 41; 7th grade, 38; 8th grade 19; high school 55.

**Daniel S. Waldron.**

Daniel S. Waldron died at the Soldiers home at Grand Rapids last Sunday morning. It was only recently that Mr. Waldron went to the home where he could get the proper care and comforts, but his physical weakness did not permit of many pleasures and he gradually failed in health until the final sleep. Judge Waldron was known to almost everybody in the county. He lived here 37 years. When a younger man he made a business of bridge construction and was the master mechanic in the construction of many railroad bridges in Michigan. On April 7, 1879, he was elected and officiated as judge of probate of Crawford county, after being elected into a county and was set off from Kalkaska county.

Daniel S. Waldron was born in the state of Ohio in Oct. 1849 making him 83 years old. In 1875 he came to this county and has resided here ever since. Mr. Waldron was an old Civil war veteran and a member of the local G. A. R. under whose auspices the funeral is being conducted today. He was well liked by all who knew him, everybody being his friend.

He was laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery, where it was his personal wish that he might be buried.

# Sweater Coats!

Just the thing for these cool days and evenings. Our stock is now complete in Men's, Women's and Children's Sweater Coats, Shawl Collar and high button neck. Prices range from 50 cents. to \$6.00

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In Tans and Blacks in Button or Lace.

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# GRAYLING MERCANTILE COMPANY

The Quality Store

## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

### Local and Neighborhood News.

Supper tonight at the Opera house from 5 to 8. Price 25 cents.

Mrs. J. Bingham and children have returned after a three weeks outing.

Do not forget the supper at the Opera house Sept. 5.

For first class auto service call on Olson's Auto Livery.

Erd Hewitt, of C. L. Hathaway's jewelry store, went to Bay City Sunday for a few days.

Geo. McPeak left for Hammond, Ind., Tuesday morning, where he is going to work for the Mich. Central R. R.

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Mrs. Clara Peterson, at the home of her cousin, Miss Louise Peterson.

Taylor-made garments in all the latest styles at moderate prices. Guaranteed fit and workmanship. 716mo. A. E. Hendricksen.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we will show a sample line of dresses for Ladies and Misses. 30 styles to select from.

GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

Will the person who "borrowed" two rings from Milestrups, please return same at once, as party is known and will be exposed to public if said rings are not returned at once.

The winners for the Rogers Berry spoons at the Model bakery for the first week were Nelly Shanahan, James McNevin, Mrs. Fred Mutton, Mrs. N. Conthel, Irene Lesprance, Mrs. E. J. Clark.

Wm. Albert Palmer, brother of O. Palmer, is ill at the latter's home. He contracted a bad cold somehow and owing to his advanced age it has been quite serious, but this morning he had somewhat improved.

I have a fine lot of ripe cucumbers, beets, bagas, carrots. Don't forget to order your cabbage. We have some heads ready for market. The new carnations will bloom in about 10 days from now.

MARKET GARDENS.

The will be an excursion to Manistee next Sunday on account of the Grayling-Manistee ball game. A special train will leave here and stop at all stations. Fare for round trip is \$1.50. Returning train will leave Manistee at 6 p. m.

Rev. and Mrs. James Ivey will leave tomorrow afternoon for Indian River and will spend a few days with Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Graves and together they will attend the Detroit Conference to be held at Alpena Sept. 11. Bishop Berry will preside.

John Hum, accompanied by A. H. Wetz, was at Knecht's lake about ten miles from here, last Friday, and had a little trouble getting home, for their auto refused to go without the gasoline. They started home about six o'clock Friday night and didn't get here until about 10:30 Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will be held at the home of Mrs. Milestrup Friday afternoon, Sept. 6. Reports of the work of the society during the past year will be given, also officers elected for the ensuing year. Every member is earnestly requested to be present, and ladies of the congregation cordially invited.

The Associated Press announces a request made by the World's Conference of Christian Workers, that Sept. 8, be observed this year as Public School day and that our churches hold services that day in the interests of our public schools. It is further suggested that the Sabbath preceding the opening of our public schools be thus observed annually. The service in the Presbyterian church next Sunday will be as recommended.

A cordial invitation to all to the supper at the Opera house tonight.

Place your orders in advance for auto service at Olson's Auto Livery.

Brenner's Cash store will be closed all day next week Thursday and Friday on account of the Jewish New Year.

A. H. Wetz and wife returned to their home in Dayton, O., after a few days spent with A. B. Failing and family.

Supt. Ellsworth wishes to announce that all beginners in the first grade must enter school not later than next Monday.

One more chance to see Grayling play ball this season by going to Manistee next Sunday. Special excursion and train.

Look out for the hand bills announcing the sale of my entire livery stock at auction on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Sale will begin at 9 a. m. sharp. sep.5-2w. GED. LANGEVIN.

Thos. Oliver and daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Wolf, and her son, all of Deaton, Ill., were here for a short visit at the home of A. B. Failing and other relatives.

We would like to receive your orders for hard coal if you want to be sure of getting a supply for next winter. Coal is scarce; order at once.

81tf SAILING HANSON CO.

New and second hand single and double buggies for sale.

GEO. LANGEVIN.

The voters of Crawford county, democrats as well as republicans are to be commended for their steadiness and their good sound judgment in standing unwavering by their old parties. According to official reports received at the County Clerks office only five voters in the county have abandoned their old party and joined the Bull Moose.

C. S. Primrose and his company of players greatly pleased a good sized audience at the opera house here, last Saturday, in their production of the House of a Thousand Candles. Repeated courtesies manifested the appreciation of the audience. Should this company come this way again, no doubt they will pack the house at their advanced prices.

Lightning played one of its freakish pranks here last Monday morning on Arthur Wilbur. He was carrying an umbrella when the bolt struck the rod and fiddled the weather protector and slightly shock its owner. At about the same time Maurice Gordon was coming down the steps of his home and the bolt struck so near that he was thrown down and his dinner pail and contents were scattered all over the grounds. No damage was done to either man except for a slight shock.

On Sunday, July 28, Mrs. E. R. Dietrich and others were coming to Grayling from Roscommon when their auto got disabled, and some of the party walked the remainder of the distance—a few miles. At this time Mrs. Dietrich lost a garter jewel case containing many valuable rings and diamonds. This loss is still unrecovered and a reward of \$300 is being offered. It is possible that the case has not been found, and it might well repay some young man to search for the missing jewels. They came in by the Beaver Creek road.

Mrs. Lida Burkhardt, of Frederic, wife of Geo. Burkhardt and daughter of Joseph Charron, died at her home last Thursday, Aug. 29th. She leaves a husband and two children, one a baby, to mourn her loss, also three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Hebert, who lives in the West, Mrs. J. Murphy, of Maple Forest, Miss Emma Charron, of Frederic, and Albert and Oscar of Maple Forest. She had many friends all of whom will miss her very much. She was buried from St. Mary's church at Grayling, Monday, Fr. Riew officiating at the funeral mass. She was laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery.

## Free Berry Spoon

WATCH for the Autumn check in our 10c loaf. Someone is going to receive one of those handsome Rogers Brothers Berry Spoons each day for one 100 days. We will publish the names of the winners each week. Try one 10c loaf, also your luck for one of those handsome spoons. Always a good Model Bread. Why? Best material, practical experience.

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**DAVID STOTT**, Miller, DETROIT, MICH.

For Sale by Mr. Simpson

## Kitchen Cabinet Sale!

For two weeks

Beginning Friday August 30, we will sell any Kitchen Cabinet at a special price. The biggest values we have ever offered will be shown on the floor during this sale.

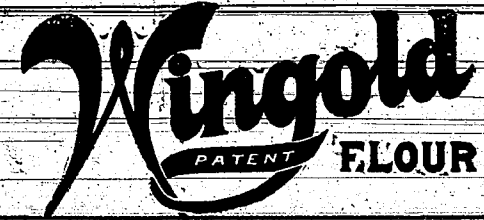
## The New McDougal

is included. Compare it critically, if you wish, point for point, with any other; you will quickly see that it stands head and shoulder above them all.

You need a cabinet, be one of the first, they are all good values that will please you.

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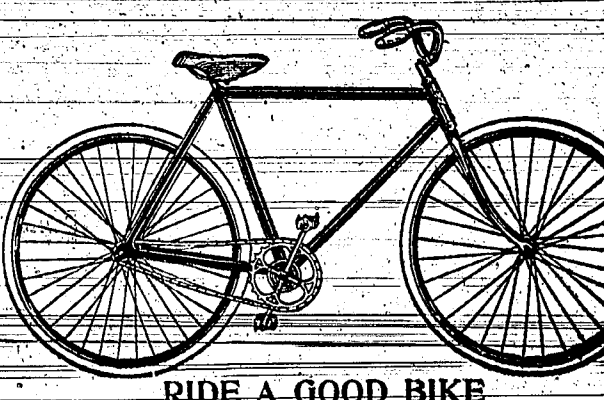
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face.

This is one of those useful turbans that are worn at any season of the

## A black and white illustration of a woman standing, facing slightly to the right. She is wearing a wide-brimmed hat with a large feather on the left side. Her dress is short, with a high collar and a wide belt featuring a large circular buckle. The dress is covered in a pattern of small, dark, stylized floral or leaf-like motifs. She is also wearing dark tights and high-heeled shoes. The background is simple, with some vertical lines suggesting a wall or fence.

Another popular fancy is the scarf of malmine attached to the gown on one shoulder and thrown around the figure in artistic abandon. In fact, malmine will be found surprisingly useful in retaining slightly warm awnle, whether used as scarf, neck ruche, sash or flange, the sleeves. There is now a waterproof malmine on the market which neither the dampness of the snow, nor an unexpected shower can ruin.

Nothing is prettier, too, than the bedroom of bonbord slippers designed of the beautiful, brocades-embossed with gold or silver, which are fashionable nowadays. These are worn with longowns-finished all round with the finest ruche of the same brocade, and with the ruche of tarnished gold or silver lace, and a minute bow of a pastel, mock diamonds or pearls.

has a gross tonnage of 87 tons, carried a crew of three. For 14 years after she was built the ship was commanded by members of the Cook family, of that city, and she now owned by Elmer McDonald of Red Beach.

To the Point.  
"Is he a good poker player?"  
"Great! That's why his daughter is all working."

however, in very profitable ways, such as the making of rugs and cushions for wagon seats. Mower and cultivator seats are often put on solidly, without springs, and the ferris may be decomposed before using in producing crops under glass. The pile should be watered occasionally and the water two or three times during the summer.

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## PARALLEL STORIES OF FAMOUS CRIMES

By HENRY C. TERRY

## THE CRIMINAL Tells How He Planned the Deed and Sought to Close Every Avenue of Knowledge Leading to His Guilt. The Detective Shows How Futile These Efforts Were and How the Old Adage, Murder Will Out, Always Holds Good.

(Copyright by F. L. Nelson)

### A \$3,000,000 PLOT THAT FAILED.

All the thieves whom it has been my lot to know intimately have the kindest recollection of Mose Vogel. There was something intensely human about the man; a whimsical, humorous way that made you forget that he was one of the most desperate bank robbers ever dealt with by the New York police. He was closely associated with all of the best crooks of the world in his day, and his shrewdness and pluck made him in great demand as a partner, even though it was well known in the underworld that Mose had been born under an unlucky star. He met with more reverses than any crook I have ever known, and as I do not credit, of course, the infallibility of the little Goddess of Luck in guiding the lives of the knights of the dark lantern and Mimmy, I am willing to offer Mose's misfortunes as cumulative evidence of the final futility of crime.

He has long since passed to his final reward, but I remember as clearly as if it were yesterday his sitting in the old Mulberry street station and telling me how he and his gang almost cleaned up \$3,000,000 from a Jersey City bank. But I will let him tell the story as he told it to me.

### MOSE VOGEL'S STORY.

"It was along back in the seventies," said Mose, "that Dave Cummings, then in the height of his fame as a crook, met me on the Bowery, and we went together down to the old Atlantic Guilden. Suddenly Dave turned to me and said: 'I think you are on the level, Mose. I felt that this was a big compliment, coming from Dave for he was an independent, high-strung fellow, who would pass up a thousand thieves without giving one the nod of his head.' Dave went on to tell me that he had always tried to be square and to live up to that where in the copy-books about 'honesty being the best policy.' He didn't ask me to go in with him then or even tell me what was in his mind. That wasn't Dave's way. But I knew he had his eye on me as a bright kid that was sure to rise in his profession. He did ask me to step down to Murray's with him, saying he needed a little money and was in the mind to have a whack at Murray's game. He had just made a big haul somewhere, and had about \$6,000. So I didn't think there was any chance of him going to work right away. But the cards ran against him and in less than a week the whole bank roll had passed into Murray's hands.

"Seeing how things were going with Dave I sort of held myself open, turning down several good offers of high-class work. Sure enough he finally hinted me up. He had a newspaper clipping about a big special deposit, \$3,000,000, lying in a bank in Jersey City, that he'd planned, and just waiting for somebody to come and get it. It made my mouth-water to think of all that money.

"Dave said the work had to be started right away, before the money was paid out, so after taking a look at my engagement book, I told him I was free to go to work any time. We went right up to Harry Hill's place that night and Dave introduced me to his Johnson and Dago Frank, a pair of A-1 western crooks who had worked off several big tricks with Dave already.

"The next day we went by different routes to Jersey City and picked out a quiet boarding house near Union Hill. The real work of planning the bank then began for fair.

"It took a week to plant the bank. It came my lot to locate the vault. I did this by going in to look at a directory. I saw that it was an abandoned affair, built in the wall on the east side, near the entrance opposite the dissection room. We decided to go through the wall and hire a room in the adjoining building, whose floor was several feet above the vault. I represented to the landlady that I was a sculptor recently landed from Italy, and wished to set up a studio. I had to pay about three prices for the room, as the landlady seemed to think that a sculptor ought to have barrels of coin. Well, we came near getting it.

"I sent several blocks of marble to the studio and commenced carving out the bulk of distinguished men, Cummings, Dago Frank and Johnson were my assistants. I had a bed in the room and lived there, but my partners slept elsewhere. I had sledges, hammers and steel chisels to use in the sculpture business, apparently. We made the attack on the bank through the open fireplace, and the ringing blows that were heard through the house made the tenants believe that the sculptors were very busy fellows. We did not do much work while the bank was open, but early in the morning and late at night pounded away at the stone and brick.

"It was tedious work, as we had to go through heavy blocks of stone which made up the outer wall of the vault. We removed the debris after dark, and let the faintness into the room every day to clean up. The hole in the wall was hidden at such times by a large screen. It took nearly two weeks to get through the stone, and then we found that we were about three feet above the big money box. This was made of heavy iron plates, and on top there were several layers of railroad iron, wedged in place so that they were about as solid as a mass of iron.

"We got rid of part of the iron, and then it was arranged that Dave was to go outside work and give us warning of danger signs. We had no fear of the police, but there were a lot of secret service bugs flying

around. They were not up to our game, but they knew me and Dago Frank from a couple of tricks done in other places.

"Dave threw us down in great shape, but I never blamed him for it. He was always on the level, but inclined to take chances. Instead of keeping back, Dave—so he told me afterward—used to drop into Taylor's hotel and play billiards. He could beat about any one that handled a cue, and would play all night if he could get any one to stay with him. Our work went on, and we reached the top plate of the money box. Then it was only a question of drills, acids and jimmies to get through the plate. With good luck this would take only a few hours. I could almost feel the crisp bills in my fingers.

"Then came the end, suddenly and swiftly. We were in the pit working by the light of candles, and supposed that Dave was in the building somewhere. I was swinging a sledge, Johnson was holding the chisel and Dago was resting. I heard a slight commotion in the room above and thought that Dave had come in for something. A second later I heard a strange voice shout into the fireplace:

"'Throw up your hands!'

"I looked up and saw two policemen's heads and two guns covering us. We threw up our hands. Then I said to Dago: 'Are you healed?' He replied: 'No. So secure did we feel with Dave on guard that we had all left our guns in the room.

"I am going to make a break," I said. 'I'm with you,' said Dago, Johnson only cursed.

"Come out or I'll shoot," was the next order, and we climbed out of the hole feeling pretty tough. There were six cops in the room and every one had a gun. I felt a fellow come toward me with hipsters and I dashed for the window. I never reached it. A club got to me first. Johnson still cursed. Dave went through the eggs like a shot, knocked a couple of them down, reached the stairs, jumped over the heads of several cops, and reached the landing. A fat cop who was too lazy to go upstairs stood in the hall and before Dago saw him, the cop got in his work with the stick. Dave was in Taylor's hotel buying billiards when this was going on, and when he heard it went under cover. He did everything that was possible to aid us, and even went so far as to fix up a job to get us out of the Hudson county jail. But he didn't have enough cash. The three of us took our fifteen-year stretch at Trenton without a murmur, and Dave gave us all the luxuries that money could furnish there. I'm going on the level now, but it is not like the old times.

### CAPT. M'HERNEY'S STORY.

Capt. Edward McHorney of the Jersey City police department, who was the principal factor in the capture of the First National bank burglars, was one of the bravest men who ever won a silver shield. Captain McHorney died a few years ago from a disease that was indirectly the result of the injuries received during the struggle with Mose Vogel, and shortly before death sealed his lips told me this story.

"The capture of Vogel, Dago Frank and Johnson was due to the curiosity of a woman. Her name was Mrs. Francis, as I recollect it, and she ran a boarding house over Narew's oyster saloon, which adjoined the bank. One of the thieves—Vogel, I think—hired a room from her on the second floor, which adjoined the bank on the east, and opened a studio as a blind.

"Every morning regularly Mrs. Francis was called into the studio by the sculptor to clean up the place. The floor she always found covered with marble dust and chips of stone, and an elegant screen stood in front of the fireplace. The sculptor always sat near the screen with a big apron on and chatted pleasantly with his landlady.

"Things went on for a week or more in this way. The sculptor kept him morning away, and Mrs. Francis enjoyed her morning call. It was along about noon on a Monday that Mrs. Francis started in one morning to clean the windows on the sculptor's floor.

"In passing through the hall with a step ladder it struck her that it would be a good opportunity to see the sculptor at work. She heard him pounding on stone in the room, and cautiously peeked up the ladder in front of the door. The fan light was open, and it was this trivial oversight that threw down three of the best men in the business. How they came to overlook the fanlight I never could understand, as everything else in the room—keyholes, cracks and windows—were carefully covered.

"Mrs. Francis peeped inside. No one was in sight. She could see the blocks of marble, but no one was hammering on them. The sound was very distinct, and she wondered what it meant. She could hear voices, too. When her eyes lit on the open fire place and she saw a piece of stone fly from it into the room she fell off the ladder. The noise in the room stopped. Mrs. Francis picked herself up and hurried away as rapidly as possible. She peeped over the banister and saw some one open the studio door.

"In a moment the hammering was resumed, and Mrs. Francis hurried to police headquarters. I was in charge, as Chief Edward S. McWilliams was in Philadelphia. Mrs. Francis told me her story. I knew at once that a gang of burglars had planted the bank. From the time that they had been at work I knew they must be close to the money. I rang for Detective Mike Bowles, and we went together down to

Brooklyn place, where we could pipe the bank.

"Mrs. Francis told me that four men were in the room, and after a long wait we saw two of them come out of the boarding house. In a few moments the two other fellows came out, and they all crossed the ferry to New York. I knew one of them. He was the best looking one in the gang. I had played several games of billiards with him at Taylor's hotel, and was beaten every time. I found out afterward that he was Cummings.

"Bowling and I crossed over to Narew's saloon, and got a small colored boy who worked there. We took him into the boarding house and pushed him through the open fanlight into the studio. The kid jumped into the hole in the fireplace, saw the condition of things there and came back scared to death.

"Then I waited at the house until three of the gang came. They seemed to be in a hurry, and went to work in the vault late in the afternoon. Cummings did not return. I knew the trick was about to come off, and he had been left outside to watch.

"I sent Bowles to the station house for the men, and when they returned, after making sure that Cummings was not on the lookout anywhere, I sent two men to the roof of the house, stationed three others in the bank, and the rest I placed on the stairs. Howling and I, with four big heavy men, made for the room. The sound of the hammering was very distinct, but I could not tell whether the three men were in the hole or not.

"I stood back against the studio door, and waited until the police men behind me. It was a hellish moment, and I admit I felt a little uneasy, as men of the kind we were going up against are very handy with guns. I gave the signal in a low voice, and we threw ourselves against the door. It was important that the locks and bolts should be broken at the first effort, so that the gang would not have warning.

"The door flew open, and I landed on my hands and knees in the middle of the room. The place was empty, and I jumped for the fireplace with my revolver in my hand.

"Howie, one of the stoutest men in the force, ever knew, got there ahead of me and shouted to the gang to throw up their hands. In the hole were three men on their hands and knees, and I heard them whispering to each other, but could not tell what they said. I knew that they would not give up without a battle and I felt blooded when one of the policemen shouted: 'Here are your guns, Cap.'

"They were unarmed, and I knew I had them all safe. The three fellows climbed out of the hole with as ugly expressions on their faces as I ever saw. One of them kept swearing all the time. They kept their hands above their heads, but I could see that they were sizing up the game as they crawled into the room. Before we had a chance to grab them, one fellow gave me a vicious kick in the abdomen, and started for the window.

"My men would have killed him if I had not called them off. Another of the thieves made for the door. He was a black-looking devil and had the courage of a lion. Why he was not killed I never could understand, but I suppose we got a little careless when we found out they had nothing to shoot with and gave them more of a chance. But we got the handcuffs on them and landed them in the station house.

"There was a sequel to this capture, which created even greater excitement than the attempted bank robbery. The thieves squealed at their trial and said that Captain McWilliams and Detective Doyle, who was McWilliams' confidential man, were in the scheme to rob the bank and were to be rewarded with a share of the proceeds for giving them protection.

"The trial of Captain McWilliams and Doyle was the most sensational one ever held in Hudson county. The thieves told their various meetings with Doyle. A diary was produced containing a record of the conversations with him and the convicts wrote out a very stiff case. A point that was made to the grand jury against Captain McWilliams was his absence in Philadelphia when the trick was to have come off, but all the jury would not believe the testimony of the men who had been thieves at their lives in preference to men of good reputation and the jury failed to agree. McWilliams spent a fortune in his defense, gave up the police business and became a detective at the Astor House. Doyle was ruined and drank himself to death.

### Strange Facts About Animals.

There are many strange facts about animals, which no one has ever seemed able to understand.

A fly, for instance, will crawl to the top of a window pane, fly back to the bottom, and crawl up again. Hardly ever does it fly up and crawl down. Hens scratch for food always with the sun behind them, so that its rays will reflect on the tiny particles. Yet a blind hen, for whom this reason does not hold, always manages to get the sun behind her when she scratches.

Cats hardly ever lie with their feet to the fire. In most cases they lie instead with their left side turned towards it. Dogs, however, invariably lie with their forepaws to the fire. A mouse overlooks a perfectly safe food supply to enjoy the perilous pleasures of an unlimited store.

Why does a dog always turn round two or three times before he lies down? It is because his remote ancestors had to scratch around in the leaves or long grass for a bed before they could find a convenient place in which to lie.

### Some Meat Required.

Kitty, my brother Cornelius has been calling on Miss Chilcote for over a year.

Marie is he going to marry her? Kitty—I don't know. I'm afraid she's rather too cool to make Corn pop.

### The Reason.

"You can never get a shoe maker to become a socialist."

Why not?

"Because his sole purpose is to support his uppers."

## Potato Culture

By H. J. EUSTACE,  
Professor of Horticulture,  
Michigan Agricultural College

### The Soil and Its Preparation.

A well drained sandy loam is ideal for potatoes. Such a soil should, if possible, be included in a regular rotation and the potato crop follow a clover sod which should be turned under in the fall, or early in the spring. When fall plowed, the sod will partly decay by spring and there will be an opportunity to work the soil several times with both disk and harrow before planting, which is very important. It has been demonstrated many times that much better crops can be produced upon a soil that has had extra working than when it has not been given.

Always avoid low fields where the frost may destroy the plants early in the fall before the growth has been completed.

### The Seed.

Whole tubers about the size of a hen's egg are very satisfactory for seed, especially so in a dry season. If such seed is not available use cut pieces about the size of a hen's egg and have at least two good eyes on every piece. Larger seed pieces may give a large yield but not enough to pay for the extra amount of seed required, especially if it is expensive.

If any of the seed is "scabby" even to a very slight degree, it should be treated by soaking for two hours in a solution made up in the proportions of one pint of formalin to thirty gallons water. Formalin can be procured from any druggist. Do this shortly before planting and before the seed is cut. Do not put the treated seed back into crates or bags that held the tubers before treatment, unless the crates are washed and the bags soaked in the solution. The seed disease may live in the soil for some years, so do not plant upon land that recently grew scabby potatoes or beets if it can be avoided.

### Fertilizers.

The best fertilizer for the potato crop is undoubtedly stable manure spread upon a clover sod before plowing in the fall. If spring plowed, spread the manure on during the winter or early spring. The plowed-up clover will in itself make a good fertilizer.

If it is desired to use a chemical fertilizer, our experiments made during the past few years indicate that a "home mixed" fertilizer containing 4 per cent nitrogen; 7 per cent phosphoric acid; and 10.8 per cent potash used at the rate of 600 pounds per acre is the most satisfactory. A ton of this fertilizer is made by mixing:

140 pounds nitrate of soda containing 15.5 per cent nitrogen.  
257 pounds dried blood containing 14 per cent nitrogen.  
1000 pounds phosphoric acid containing 14 per cent nitrogen.  
450 pounds sulphate of potash containing 48 per cent nitrogen.  
2,000 pounds "home mixed" potato fertilizer.

It should not be overlooked that the value of a chemical fertilizer depends largely upon the physical condition of the soil—the moisture content as well as proper drainage and cultivation. Excessive quantities of fertilizers will not make up for the lack of any of these conditions nor will the use of any kind of chemical fertilizer take the place of the humus or decayed matter in the soil.

### Planting.

When the planting is done by hand, furrows may be opened with team and one-horse plow and if any chemical fertilizer is to be used it can be spread in the furrow by hand. On light or loose soils it is desirable to plant the seed about four to six inches deep. If shallow planted some of the potatoes will become exposed and sun-burn. The seed pieces are dropped the distance desired, covered with a hoe, and the whole field smoothed over with a harrow.

### Cultivation.

Frequent cultivation will greatly help to produce a good crop and keep the field free from weeds. A spike tooth harrow is usually used once or twice before the plants come up and again when they appear. A weeder is often used at this time and about once a week afterward until the plants are several inches high. During this time it may be advisable to go over the field once or twice with a cultivator. After the plants are five or six inches high cultivate about once a week or every ten days until there is danger of injury to the vines.

### Spraying.

Potato plants are sprayed with Bordeaux mixture (6 pounds of copper sulphate, 5 pounds of stone lime and 50 gallons of water) to protect them from blight and rot (Phytophthora infestans) and with poison (½ pound of paris green or 2 or 3 pounds of arsenate of lead added to the Bordeaux) to kill bugs. The blight and rot are not present every season in Michigan, but in tests made at the college during several recent seasons, it has paid to

### Early Preparation for Wheat.

Stubble land intended for wheat should be worked up as soon as possible after the grain is harvested in order that large amounts of moisture may be retained in the soil. The fields may be gained by going over the fields with the disk harrow before plowing. It is profitable to work the surface in this way between the rows of shocks. If the surface is worked with a disk before plowing, it not only retains the moisture in the soil, but makes it possible to plow the stubble down more evenly and compactly, thus securing a better seed bed.

### Another Reason.

Here is another reason for exterminating English sparrows:

"It has been determined that in killing the nest with feathers he becomes the carrier of chicken lice and mites. His habit of going from farm to farm makes him a menace to the flock."

spray the plants when blight has not been present. The application of Bordeaux mixture in some way stimulates the plant and it grows longer in the fall; is freer from sun scald, tip burn and other troubles. Begin spraying when the plants are six or eight inches high or when the first spraying for "bugs" has to be made and repeat the treatment about every two weeks so that the new growth will be covered with the Bordeaux mixture. If the weather is "muggy," conditions under which blight flourishes, spray often. Four or five sprayings will usually be sufficient and they can be made for 80 cents to \$1.00 per acre for each spraying, all expenses of material and labor included.

## Winter Vetch for a Cover Crop in Michigan Orchards.

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Most of the successful orchards in Michigan are plowed in the spring and cultivated until mid-summer. This season is the natural one for trees to make a growth of new wood and the plowing and cultivating make the plant food in the soil available and stimulate the growth. After the cultivation ceases, the new growth will ripen, become hard and in a condition to pass through the average winter without injury, which it could not do if growth continued late in the fall.

At the last cultivation, it is desirable to sow something that will make a "cover crop" on the land during the fall, winter, and early part of the spring. If nothing is sown, weeds will make a "cover," but they will not make a uniform growth nor will they result in any benefit to the land and they may become a serious annoyance.

Many desirable features will result from having a cover crop in an orchard or vineyard, some of the more important ones are:

1. Their growth helps to check the tree growth and ripen the new wood.  
2. A cover of vegetable growth over the soil, supplemented by the manure, will protect the soil from the washing of the valuable top soil by the heavy fall and spring rains. This feature is especially valuable on knolls and hillsides.

3. A cover crop will catch and hold the leaves as they fall from the trees. They contain some fertility and afford some protection.  
4. The cover crop itself will make a blanket over the soil and by holding the snow from blowing away, this feature will be more effective, as it will largely prevent deep and severe freezing of the roots and the alternate freezing and thawing, all of which causes serious losses in many Michigan orchards, especially those located upon the lighter and more porous soils.

5. One of the most valuable results from the use of cover crops is that they add humus and plant food to the soil. Certain plants commonly used for cover crops as clover, vetches, peas and beans, possess the power of gathering nitrogen from the air, storing it in the plants and later it becomes available to the soil.

Some of the advantages of the cover crop that might be mentioned are: That they encourage the deep rooting of trees; they make the fall and spring operations in the orchard more comfortable and they improve the physical condition of the soil.

The experiment station has been carrying on tests in orchards and vineyards in different parts of the state to determine the best plant for a cover crop under Michigan conditions. At this time, winter vetch (*Vicia villosa*) promises to be especially valuable for this purpose. The plant sometimes called "winter or spring vetch" was imported from Europe many years ago and has long been used in the southern states especially as a forage crop. An appreciation of its value for orchard cover crop purposes is comparatively recent.

When sown as late as the middle of August, it makes a fair growth before winter, it will stand tramping well; it is not difficult to get started; it is hardy and will withstand the possible drought of fall and cold of winter; it grows vigorously in the early spring; it adds a large amount of nitrogen to the soil; it will succeed on a variety of soils and especially on sandy soil.

For cover crop purposes in Michigan, the seed should be sown during July or early August, usually at the time of the last harrowing.

If the seed is sown broadcast about 25 to 30 pounds to the acre is required and it should be harrowed in. Good results have been secured by sowing 15 pounds of seed per acre.

A quick growth or "catch crop" can be secured by sowing a bushel of oats or rye with the vetch. Since the vetch does not make a large growth in the fall, this combination is often desirable.

There will not be any difficulty in turning under the vetch if the orchards are plowed at the proper time in the spring. Where the growth is extra large, a chain or rolling coulter may have to be used on the plow.

### A Timely Hint.

Before you put the binder or mower away for the season make a list of the repairs which they need while they are fresh in mind and the list to the machine or put it in the tool box. Such a list will help a great deal next summer when you are in a hurry to prepare for haying and harvest.

### Farm Management.

Many farmers every year lose a portion of the value of their crops because they have not time enough to sow them in season.

### Sheep in Far West.

Some owners of land in the far west claim they can raise 14 sheep to the acre on alfalfa and beet pulp.



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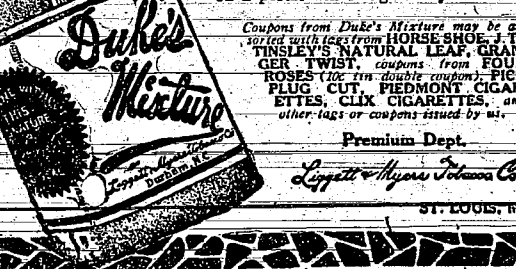
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